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EPISTLE

Rom. 10:1 - 10

GOSPEL

Matt. 8:28 – 9:1

Tone 4

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina in Sicily (1st c.). Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna in Crete (3rd – 4th c.). Martyrs Paternuthius, Coprius, and Alexander the Soldier, in Egypt (4th c.). St. Theodore, Bishop of Edessa (9th c.). Ven. Paternuthius and Coprius, Ascetics, of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. Dionysius the Orator of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos – 1606). Ven. Metrophanes, disciple of Ven. Dionysius.

Sunday	July	9	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
				Wedding of Joanna Navarro and Eric Williams at St. Sophia Cathedral
Monday	July	10	11:00a	Vacation Church School Begins!
Tuesday	July	11	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group – Int. Prayer
			11:00a	Vacation Church School
Wednesday	July	12	11:00a	Vacation Church School
Thursday	July	13	11:00a	Vacation Church School
Friday	July	14	11:00a	Vacation Church School
Saturday	July	15	8:00a	Indoor Work Session
			4:30p	Memorial Service for Mugurel Riscutta
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers
			6:30p	Bible Study
			6:30p	FOCA Chapter Meeting
				(Schedule Continued on Back Cover)

Sunday	July	16	9:15a	Reading of the Third Hour
			9:30a	Divine Liturgy
			11:15a	Coffee Hour Fellowship
Tuesday	July	18	10:30a	Bl. Mka. Olga Prayer Group - Akathist
Saturday	July	22	4:00p	Baptism of infant Liam Vatamaniuc
			5:00p	Private Confession
			5:30p	Great Vespers

The **Altar Candle** is donated by **Marsha Zelle** for the health of **Karen Nichols** and **Beth Tucker**.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is donated by **Drs. Anna and Mary Nemesh** in loving memory of parents **Charlies and Annie Nemesh** and brother **Dr. Walter Nemesh**. May Their Memory Be Eternal!

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Date	Hosts/Hostesses			Donuts/Bagels
July 9	Phinney	Datch	Cacic	Thompson
July 23	S. Petro	Petro-Jenkins	K. Petro	Hydock

Choir Directors, Readers, Preparers, Greeters, & Altar Servers

Date	Director	Reader	Preparer	Greeter	Altar Servers
July 9	W. Tatusko	J.M. Mikulik	C. German	N. Kumar & D. Jefferson	A. Ahmadi A. Datch C. Datch J. Sedor M. Sedor
July 23	S & D Hardy	J. Bilyeu	Dn. D. Phelps	M. Nimmer & R. Zabela	

Classes

Bible Study

July 15th	Following Vespers
July 22nd	Following Vespers

TO OUR VISITORS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN: If you are seeking a quiet place to nurse or calm a rambunctious child, there are two rooms off of the main hallway on this floor to serve you. Our library is the second door on the left as well as our teen classroom, the last door on the left, at the end of the hallway. The library has rocking chairs, and both rooms offer comfortable couches and moderate privacy. Changing tables are located in the Ladies room on the upper level and in the Men's room on the lower level.

PRAYER REQUEST – O Christ, You alone are our Defender: Visit and help Thy servants who are in need of your help, protection and healing. Among them: John & Marti Badila; Kaitlin & Rebekah Barber; Christina Berencz, Tina Burpee, Shirley & Paul Dean; Margaret & Bill Dove; Julie Flick; George Freimann; Claire & Caroline German; Marge German; Jurretta Heckscher; Mark Helba; Evelyn Leleck; Larisa Looby; Marina McKee; Catherine Mikuluk; Susie & Baby Needham; Karen Nichols; Stacy & Chloe Nimmer; Nicholas & Maura Moser; Timothy Parrish; Mark Phinney; Helen & Francisco Salas; Alexandra Sedor; Katie & Elowen Sheppard; Peter Sielinski; Olga Skenderska; Andrea Ticich; Don & Peter Truitt; Beth Tucker.

Please pray for Margaret, Mary Carol Ashley's mother; Ellen Barber's friends Bruce and Pamela; Tina Burpee's mother Margaret, brother James, cousin Andrew and friend, Edward; Christine Cacic's friend, Carmen; John & Suzette Eremin; Julie Flick's son, James Shimer, and her stepdaughter, Jeanie Folton; Marge German's brother, John, sister in-law, Cecilia, sister, Elaine, grandson, Joshua, and sister Love; Jeff Jordan, friend of the Hardy family; Jurretta Heckscher's father, Stevens; Will & Janie McNamara, friends of Christina Kalavritinos; Olga, friend of Helen Kerch; Mat. Jan and Fr. Mark Koczak's friend, Metropolitan Isaiah (Georgian Patriarchate); Mary Everhart, mother of Ted Koopersmith; Michael Lungociu's brother-in-law, Douglas, and a friend's mother, Gitta Finch; Marilyn Macht's friend, Priscilla Colby and Marilyn's cousins Evelyn, Helen and Linda; Joan Mitchum's daughter Roberta, and her unborn child. Anelia Rotunda's father, Ivan; Friend of Debbie Sieff, Fr. Taras Chubenko, of St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Carteret, NJ, who is recovering from esophageal surgery; Peter Sielinski's friends Brenda & Jim Hall, Kelly, Samuel, Ron, Pat, Bailey, Jenn and Matt; Sharon Sielinski's Mother, Marjorie, her niece Taylor, and her friend Laura, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer; Olga & Slavina Skenderska's cousins, Desi & Stanislav, and friends Catherine & Justin; Ellen Thompson's daughter, Sonya; Don Truitt's parents; friends of St. Mark, Tanya & James Twyman; Friend of St. Mark Linda Weir.

Deliver them from sickness and grievous pains. Raise them up that they may sing to Thee and praise Thee without ceasing, through the prayers of the Theotokos and all your Saints!

CONGRATULATIONS to Joanna Navarro and Eric Williams who are to be married today! May God Grant Them Many Years!

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael Cipu and Melinda Hines who were married last Sunday, July 2nd. May God Grant Them Many Years!

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS tomorrow, Monday, July 10th!

BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING: All food and department chairpersons are asked to join in a 2017 bazaar planning meeting after liturgy in the teen room on Sunday, July 23rd. All other parishioners are also welcome to attend and give their suggestions and input.

NEW BABY: Catherine and James Miller are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Sophie Ann Miller, born on May 8, 2017. She will be baptized Sunday September 17, 2017 at 12pm. Her godparents are Kathleen McLoughlin and John Steger.

NEW BABY: Congratulations to Joan Mitchum who has a new granddaughter! Madelyn McCunney was born Friday, July 7th, at 8:49 am. She is almost 8 pounds, 20 inches, healthy and beautiful. Mom and Dad are doing well!

INDOOR WORK SESSION: There will be an indoor work session next Saturday, July 15th, from 8:00 am to Noon.

PRAYERS NEEDED: Beth Tucker is recovering from hip surgery at Wilson Health Care Center, Riderwood Village, Silver Spring, Maryland. Please keep her in your prayers. Karen Nichols is recovering at home after surgery. She needs help at home for a few days. Please let Marsha Zellem know if you are available and able to help out!

THANK YOU Thank you all for your generous donations of material goods to the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center! I just delivered the contents of the box in which we were collecting things. The need is ongoing, so please consider bringing in some more things for mom's and families in need with infants and toddlers. Thanks very much! Fr. Gregory

JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER EVANGELIZER is available and ready for pick up in the hallway outside of the sanctuary. Pick up your copy today!

NATIONALS FAITH DAY: It's that time again! If you are interested in attending the Nationals Faith Day event, please let Sharon Sielinski know: admin@stmarkoca.org. The game is scheduled for Saturday, August 26th at 4:05pm vs. the New York Mets. This is always a fun event and we hope you will join us!

PLEASE DONATE TO BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS The Fall 2017 MCPS Give BACKpacks Campaign is now under way and needs our financial help. The campaign addresses but one small need of those suffering poverty in the midst of the riches we have and expect to find here in Montgomery County. And it is this very unexpected and seldom seen condition that makes the scarcity of resources all the more pressing. Currently, one of every three of the children in our schools needs assistance securing their basic school supplies. This is but a small step and a once-a-year effort, but it is a step where for every \$10 given in this way to the Educational Foundation can leverage their much greater resources to supply a backpack full of school supplies that would cost many times that figure to deliver independently. Please consider making a free-will offering through the church before July 15th. We have targeted \$1,500 (150 backpacks) for ourselves as a goal. Please help if you can. Collection will be gathered in one of the bowls on the south side of the nave after liturgy. Thank you and God bless!



ICONOGRAPHY PROJECT UPDATE Please see the article in the new edition of the Evangelizer for more detail. In brief, the Iconography Committee is delighted to announce that, as of June 25th – only five weeks from the semi-annual meeting at which the project was formally approved by the Parish – the fund raising goal of \$100,000 has been reached! The Parish now has the funds to pay the estimated costs of Phase III. Unfortunately, our iconographer is in demand, so he and his team are not immediately available to commence work. We had hoped that the project could be completed before the Nativity Feast, but it now appears that we can expect the new iconography to be installed before Pascha 2018. The Committee expresses its gratitude to all those who contributed so generously to reach the fundraising goal much sooner than it was thought possible. The Committee will endeavor to keep the parish updated as additional information becomes available.

SUMMER FROZEN FOOD SALE!! • Meat piroshki (10 per bag) - \$8.00 ea. • Piroghi (48 per bag) - \$8.00 ea. Please see Tina Burpee during coffee hour if you are interested.

FACEBOOK MINISTRY: St. Mark is planning to launch a parish Facebook page in the near future and is looking for someone to maintain it and keep it up to date. If you enjoy using Facebook and know a thing or two about how this application works and would like to take on this ministry, please contact Dn. David or Father Gregory. Thank you for your consideration!

VCS 2017 St. Mark Vacation Church School will be held July 10th – 13th from 11 am until 2 pm. Students ages 4-11 from St. Mark and nearby parishes are welcome to attend. This year's theme is "Saints and the Animals that Served Them." Participants will have classes, prayers, games, music, crafts and a delicious lunch provided daily by Nancy Stanton. If adults or students 12 and over would like to volunteer, please contact Rachael Datch, Erika Steinberg, Mary Niemi, or Anelia Rotunda. Registration forms can be found at the back of the church. We look forward to a fun week!



SAVE THE DATE: The Shady Grove Pregnancy Center Benefit Luncheon for 2017 will take place on Sunday, October 22nd, at Rockville Hilton. We will once again have a table for this event. Mark your calendars and please let Fr. Gregory know ASAP if you plan to attend!

CALLING ALL CROCHETERS! Do you crochet? Does someone in your family crochet? If so, please consider volunteering to work on a little crochet project for the 2017 Food Festival and Bazaar with us! For details and patterns, please see Sharon Sielinski or Mat. Ann Prentice.

BAZAAR PURCHASE We are investigating, online and elsewhere, the purchase of two floor model, glass-fronted bakery cases for our desserts - one refrigerated (for cheesecake, etc.). The cost of new ones is prohibitive, but used cases may be possible. If you should know of a bakery, grocery store, restaurant, cafe, coffee shop that is going out of business and may have a bakery case for sale, please inform Tina Burpee, Nancy Stanton, or Paulina Masick.

ST. MARK WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: If you enjoy a good read followed by a worthy discussion, please consider attending the St. Mark Woman's Book Club. We choose books well in advance and then meet on the last Sunday of every month to discuss the merits of our choices. July 30th - *The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian; August 27th - *The Butterfly and the Violin* by Kristy Cambron; September 24th - *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt; Book suggestions are always welcome. See Mat. Sasha for more details.



SAVING LIVES ~ SUPPORTING FAMILIES

The Shady Grove Pregnancy Center is in **need** of volunteers with a heart for women experiencing crisis pregnancies. Looking to train **daytime** volunteers who want to become pregnancy counselors. Training consists of 8 classes held Mon. & Thur. from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Dates: July 27, 31 Aug. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21. For details call Jackie Stippich, Exec. Dir. At 301-963-6223.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

- 9 Larisa Looby
- 10 Spencer Salas
Joseph Sedor
- 12 Ann-Marie Lacko
- 13 Michael Thompson
- 14 Sara Wickard

